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SUBJ: UN SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION,  
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1. IN CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 12 UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, BRADFORD MORSE, INFORMED AMBASSADOR WHITE OF SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

2. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF MORSE, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR INTER-AGENCY AFFAIRS AND CO-ORDINATION NARASIMHAN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL KITTANI, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DAVIDSON, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS VAN LATHAM. THEY ARE TO GIVE A FIRST REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.

3. MORSE IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE "COMPROMISE OR CONFRONTATION" ISSUE. HE ASSURES US THAT HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO MAKE THE SECRETARIAT INPUT A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE TO CHANNEL THE SESSION IN MEANINGFUL DIRECTIONS. THE SECRETARIAT IS WORKING AGAINST DEADLINES OF PREP-COMS AND OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR

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THIS SPRING. A WORKING PAPER FOR THE TASK FORCE, WHILE DEALING

WITH THE CREATION OF THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" ALSO PUTS A STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT CALLS FOR EXTENSIVE SECRETARIAT PAPERS REVIEWING THE PRESENT UN SYSTEM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLES TO A MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. STRUCTURAL REFORM IS ONE OF THE GOALS TO WHICH THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WILL MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD NOT ACTUALLY PASS ON PARTICULAR REFORMS, BUT RATHER SET GENERAL GUIDELINES WHICH COULD THEN BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. MORSE INDICATED, HOWEVER, IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, THAT IT CERTAINLY MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION TO APPROVE PLANS IF THEY HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AND SUBSTANTIALLY AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE.

4. MORSE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE HOSTING A SERIES OF LUNCHESES AFTER HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK LATER THIS MONTH WITH GROUPS OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, LOOKING TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION.  
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